

FUND TO COMBAT VIOLENT CRIME PROGRAM
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING FOR JULY 20, 2017

A Fund to Combat Violent Crime Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, July 20, 2017, in the Community Room, Delaware State Police Troop 3, 3759 South State Street, Camden, Delaware. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Robert Coupe at 10:30 a.m. A roll call of Committee Members and introduction of attendees was completed. Those in attendance included:

Committee and Staff:

The Honorable Robert M. Coupe

The Honorable Matt Denn

Colonel Nate McQueen

Chief Randall L. Hughes

Fred Calhoun, III

Lisa Morris

Carol Lee

Secretary, Department of Safety and Homeland Security, Committee Chair

Attorney General for the State of Delaware

Delaware State Police

Georgetown Police Department

President, FOP, Delaware State Lodge

Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice

DSHS Grant Administrator

Interested Parties:

Major Robert Hudson

Chief Marvin Mailey

Jeff Horvath

Capt. Gary Bailey

Sgt. Scott Simpson

Chief W. Scott Collins

Thomas Brackin

Mike Iglio

Dawn Misino

Chris Klein

Chief Laura Giles

Chief Gary Flood

Lt. Glenn Van Fleet

Chief David Baylor

Judy Masishin

Chief William Boyden

Delaware State Police

Dover Police Department

Chairman, Delaware Police Chiefs' Council

Milford Police Department

Newark Police Department

Selbyville Police Department

President, Delaware State Troopers' Association

Middletown Police Department

Middletown Police Department

Department of Safety and Homeland Security

Elsmere Police Department

Seaford Police Department

Seaford Police Department

Delaware City Police Department

Delaware City Police Department

Fenwick Island Police Department

Secretary Coupe reviewed the objective of the meeting: Submitted amendments will be considered for approval. Discussion on revision of Fund guidelines will be considered.

Minutes of the September 13, 2016 and March 22, 2017 meetings were reviewed by the Committee. Chief Hughes made a motion to approve the minutes as prepared. Fred Calhoun seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

The following amendments were reviewed and voted on as follows:

V-12-17 Fenwick Island Police Department

Applicant requests to move \$4,352.70 from the previously approved Protech Plate Carrier line and \$1,393.20 from the previously approved Trijicon Sights line for a total of \$5,745.90 to a new line for the purchase of two Panasonic Toughbook 53 computers for uniform patrol use as shown below:

Line	Approved Budget	Change Requested	Amended Budget
Protech Plate Carriers (6)	\$ 11,004.00	\$ -4,352.70	\$ 6,651.30
Trijicon Rifle Sights (6)	7,668.00	-1,393.20	6,274.80
Brother Printers (4)	1,368.00	0.00	1,368.00
Panasonic Toughbook 53 computers (2)	0	+5,745.90	5,745.90
TOTALS	\$20,040.00	0.00	\$20,040.00

Chairman Coupe asked for discussion on this amendment request. Hearing none, he requested a motion. AG Denn made a motion to approve. Chief Hughes seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

V-20-17 Middletown Police Department

Applicant requests to make the following amendments: move \$2,008.28 from the Motorola Portable Radio line to the line for M&P rifles with lights, \$6,144.13 from the Training line to a new line for a Pole Camera Search System and move the full \$1,880.00 from Active Shooter Response Bags to a new line for 5 Active Shooter Vests with First Aid supplies.

Line	Approved Budget	Change Requested	Amended Budget
Motorola Portable Radios	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -2008.28	\$ 4,991.72
Smith & Wesson M&P Rifles with lights	12,500.00	+2008.28	14,508.28
Active Shooter Response Bags	1,880.00	-1,880.00	0.00
Active Shooter Vests w/ 1 st Aid Supplies (5)	0.00	+1,800.00	1,880.00
Training	15,500.00	-6,144.13	9,355.87
Pole Camera Search System	0.00	+6,144.13	6,144.13
Overtime	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
TOTALS	\$41,880.00	0.00	\$41,880.00

Chairman Coupe asked for discussion on this amendment request. Hearing none, he requested a motion. Fred Calhoun made a motion to approve. Chief Hughes seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Chairman Coupe moved the discussion on to revisions to the guidelines.

Chairman Coupe presented the guidelines and the prepared revisions line by line for comment by the Committee members and attendees.

AG Denn questioned the phrase “very rare circumstances” under Chapter II, #2. Discussion was held and the Committee determined that the phrase should be removed.

Discussion then turned to removing the phrase “with specificity.” Chief Hughes questioned if the phrase was in the Delaware Code. Discussion continued on the need to provide a “detailed description” as per the Code.

Chief Hughes called attention to the term supplanting and discussion ensued on this subject with Lisa Morris providing an explanation.

A question was asked on how the date for submission of Statement of Sworn Officers was determined. Carol Lee explained that the date for submission was based on the date specified in the Delaware Code for identifying officers to be included in the Statement.

Another question focused on when the funds were disbursed. Carol Lee answered that the funds are always disbursed between the meeting date and the end of September at the latest.

Fred Calhoun stated that he believed the section of the statute explaining where the monies come from should be kept in the guidelines.

Chairman Coupe specifically addressed the travel policy mandate in the guidelines.

Chairman Coupe discussed the need for standardizing equipment requests as these issues continue to become more complicated with each request. He suggested that a standard for making these requests could include separating them by evidentiary vs. administrative and technology.

Discussion turned to meeting the DTI standards and the cost of meeting this standard. AG Denn explained that the DTI standards have a direct correlation on whether a case is prosecutable or not—body worn cameras, for example. He stated he was comfortable with money being dispensed from these funds for this purpose.

Discussion returned to the State Travel Policy. Chairman Coupe explained that the State Travel Policy for state money is one standard vs. following 37 different standards as each separate town utilizing their own policies. He also stated that he had no preference if the State Travel Policy was used or the Committee created one of its own, but a single policy needs to be utilized.

Discussion continued on Chapters IV and V of the suggested revisions with attention to Ch. Iv, #5, New programs and Chapter V, #2.c. service weapons and #2d. Chairman Coupe recommended changing the word “excepting” to “except” in #2.d. The Committee was in agreement.

Jeff Horvath initiated a discussion on the “Laptop Program” by commenting that most police departments take advantage of this program to replace in-car laptops.

This discussion continued to include software and Lexipol. After some discussion, Chairman Coupe noted that the Committee appears to lean toward not approving the software and approving the

equipment. Chief Hughes expressed his concern that the training provided by Lexipol saves the PD's money. Jeff Horvath asked if funds could also be utilized for service agreements. Discussion continued with a focus on body cameras, the selection of cameras and the need for data to be in a format meeting the requirements of the AG's Office. Other issues discussed included other funding available for body cameras and the cost of storage requirements.

Fred Calhoun brought up discussion again on the laptops and stated he felt that if the State is already providing a program to fund the purchase of laptops, the FCVC should include a statement in the technology section in regards to this.

The next discussion focused on the purpose of the 120-day extension. The question was if the 120-day extension was to expend funds not yet encumbered or to pay out already encumbered funds for which invoices had not yet been received. The Committee supported the 120-day extension to expend funds previously unencumbered.

Chairman Coup briefly discussed the work staff is doing to develop a software program to these grants. He also discussed the purchase of the Rook by DSP through their FCVC funds and stated it would be available to all local police departments in instances of need for such equipment.

Chief Giles questioned the possibility of these funds being extended to other enforcement agencies as was discussed at the last meeting. Chairman Coupe stated that the initiative did not make it to a bill.

Hearing no further discussion, the Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn.

Chief Hughes made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Fred Calhoun seconded. The Committee voted and the meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.